

**REMARKS**

By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 11, 24 and 27 are amended. Entry of the Amendment, and favorable consideration thereof, is earnestly requested. Claims 1-10 having been previously cancelled, Claims 11-43 are currently pending.

Claim 11-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 11, 24 and 27 have been amended in a manner which Applicant believes obviates this rejection. More specifically, the preambles of Claims 11, 24 and 27 have been amended to better agree with the claim limitations thereof. Additionally, the claim limitations themselves have been amended to more clearly demonstrate the links therebetween.

Claims 11-17 and 24-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Greenfield et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,010,523) and Perks et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,191,196). However, Applicant believes that Perks et al. is not a properly cited prior art reference. Perks et al. was filed on June 28, 2001, and there is priority claim therein. The present application was filed on February 16,

2001, several months before the filing date of Perks et al. As such, Perks et al. can not be cited as part prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

Applicant telephoned Examiner Corrielus on September 13, 2007 to discuss this issue, during which telephone conversation Examiner Corrielus agreed that Perks et al. is not a properly cited reference, and also agreed that, therefore, the prior art rejections contained in the outstanding Office Action of July 27, 2007 need not be addressed.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims, namely Claims 11-43, are patentable over the references of record, and earnestly solicits allowance of the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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